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NPDES PERMIT NO.: HI S000034

PERMIT RATIONALE: **APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO
THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES**

PERMITTEE: **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS DIVISION**

FACILITY/SITE: **PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AND ADA COMPLIANCE AT
VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON OAHU**

FACILITY/SITE ADDRESS

Various Locations on Oahu

PERMITTEE MAILING ADDRESS

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PERMIT STATUS

On May 27, 2004, the Permittee submitted an Individual NPDES Permit application for coverage of storm water discharges associated with construction activity to the following discharge locations:

Receiving State Waters	Classification	Latitude	Longitude
Kaneohe Bay	Marine Class AA and Embayment	21°24'53"N	157°46'33"W
Kaneohe Bay	Marine Class AA and Embayment	21°27'52"N	157°50'33"W
Paiko Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary	Marine Class AA and Embayment	21°17'02"N	157°43'37"W

Additional information was submitted to DOH, dated July 6, 2004. The Department of Health

(DOH) reviewed the application and determined that it was complete..

The Director of Health (Director) proposes to issue a permit to discharge to the waters of the State and has included in the proposed draft permit those terms and conditions which the Director determined are necessary to carry out the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (PL 92-500), Federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217) and Chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

SCOPE OF THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

The proposed Project involves the installation of 20 curb ramps to ensure compliance with provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All work for the project will be performed within the State right-of-way.

Construction of each curb ramp will typically last approximately three (3) days and involve the following:

1. Demolish and remove existing curb ramps, sidewalks, pavement markings, and striping.
2. Install new concrete curb ramps and sidewalks.
3. Adjust catch basins, utility structures, striping, and signage.
4. Repave strip of asphalt concrete fronting the curb ramp to finish grade.

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION

Kaneohe Bay and the Paiko Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary are classified by the DOH as Class AA, Marine Water for Embayment. The objective of Class AA waters is to remain in their natural state as nearly as possible with an absolute minimum of pollution from any human-caused source.

The uses to be protected are all uses compatible with the protection of the ecosystems associated with waters of these classes. These waters shall not act as receiving waters for any discharge which has not received the best degree of treatment or control compatible with the criteria established for its class.

OCEAN DISCHARGE CRITERIA

The Director has considered the Ocean Discharge Criteria, established pursuant to Section 403(c) of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of pollutants into the territorial sea, the waters of the contiguous zone, or the oceans. The Environmental Protection Agency has promulgated regulations for Ocean Discharge Criteria in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 125, Subpart M. Therefore, the Director has determined that the discharge will not cause degradation to the marine environment. Based on current information, the Director proposes to

issue a permit.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DISCHARGE

The Permittee requests to discharge storm water runoff from the proposed construction sites and states in the general Best Management Practices (BMPs) Plan that diversion berms will be placed above the project sites to divert off-site runoff around work areas, filter berms will be placed downstream of the project site to filter any pollutants from the work site, and drain inlets will be protected with filter fabric. BMPs shall be in place prior to the start of construction activities. Site-specific BMPs will be submitted 30 days before the start of construction activities.

PERMIT CONDITIONS

The Director has considered the permit conditions to discharge storm water runoff associated with construction activity, established pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Federal Clean Water Act, and the HRS. The Director has determined that the discharge will not cause degradation to the receiving water environment when the Permittee complies with the conditions of the permit. Therefore, based on current information, the Director proposes to issue a permit.

PROPOSED DETERMINATIONS

A. Best Management Practices

The Permittee shall:

1. Refrain from performing any work during heavy rainstorms.
2. Prevent loose particles, sand, soil, silt, and other construction debris at the construction site from being washed away by storm water runoff to the various swales and drainage ways and eventually to the State waters.
3. Remove excavated materials as soon as possible or at the end of each work day. The excavated materials shall be disposed of to a State and/or County approved landfill site.
4. Not discharge water used for dust control to State waters.
5. Not discharge water used for irrigation to State waters.
6. Not discharge hydrotesting effluent to State waters.
7. Not stockpile materials on-site.
8. Wash-down vehicles and/or equipment and concrete truck drums only at designated areas, as shown on the Erosion Control Plan, and not discharge the wash waters to

State waters.

9. Assure that the implemented BMPs are effective and the discharge effluent is in compliance with the basic State Water Quality Standards.

In addition to the general BMPs provisions proposed in the application, the following requirements are necessary in preventing pollutants to be discharged with the storm water to the receiving State waters. The Permittee shall:

10. Comply with all materials submitted in and with the application, dated May 27, 2004 and the subsequent submittal dated, July 6, 2004.
11. Retain a copy of the application, including other related materials, and this permit at the job site or at a nearby field office.
12. Design, operate, implement, and maintain the construction site BMPs Plan to ensure that storm water discharges associated with construction activities will not cause or contribute to a violation of applicable state water quality standards.
13. Implement the construction site BMPs Plan as often as needed to improve the quality of storm water discharges or when instructed by the director.
14. Not cause or contribute to a violation of the basic water quality criteria as specified in Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 11-54, Section 11-54-04.
15. Submit the following site-specific information on the CWB Notice of Intent Form C (Rev. 11/20/2002), as applicable, to the CWB for review and comment at least 30 days prior to the start of construction activities:
 - a. Section 3. - General contractor information;
 - b. Section 15.a.iv. - Site-Specific BMPs; and
 - c. Section 15.b.vi. - Updated construction schedule.

All related concerns and/or comments pertaining to the above listed items shall be properly addressed to the CWB's satisfaction before the start of construction activities.

16. Immediately stop, reduce, or modify construction, or implement new or revised best management practices as needed to stop or prevent a violation of the basic water quality criteria as specified in HAR, Chapter 11-54, Section 11-54-04.
17. Inspect, at a minimum of once per week, the receiving state waters, storm water runoff and control measures and best management practices to detect violations of and conditions which may cause or contribute to a violation of the basic water quality

criteria as specified in HAR, Chapter 11-54, Section 11-54-04. (e.g., the permittee shall look at storm water discharges and receiving state waters for turbidity, color, floating oil and grease, floating debris and scum, materials that will settle, substances that will produce taste in the water or detectable off-flavor in fish, and inspect for items that may be toxic or harmful to human or other life.)

18. Review the effectiveness and adequacy of the implemented site-specific BMPs Plan(s) and sediment and Erosion Control Plan(s) (ECP) at a minimum of once per week, and update the plan as often as necessary. Any changes(s) to the site-specific BMPs Plans and/or sediment and ECPs Plans or correction(s) to information already on file with the DOH shall be submitted to the CWB as such change(s) or correction(s) arises.

19. Submit signed copies of all reports required by this permit to the Director at the following address or as otherwise specified:

Director of Health
Clean Water Branch
Environmental Management Division
Department of Health
P.O. Box 3378
Honolulu, HI 96801-3378

20. Include the following certification statement and signature on each submittal in accordance with HAR, Chapter 11-55, Section 11-55-07(b):

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine or imprisonment for knowing violations."

21. Include the NPDES permit number on each submittal. Failure to provide the assigned NPDES permit number for this facility on future correspondence or submittals may be a basis for delay of the processing of the document(s).
22. Submit any changes to information on file with the DOH as soon as changes arise.
23. Comply with the following special conditions apply to all land disturbance work

conducted under this permit:

a. Construction Management Techniques

- (1) Clearing and grubbing shall be held to the minimum necessary for grading and equipment operation.
- (2) Construction shall be sequenced to minimize the exposure time of the cleared surface area.
- (3) Construction shall be staged or phased for large projects. Areas of one phase shall be stabilized before another phase is initiated. Stabilization shall be accomplished by temporarily or permanently protecting the disturbed soil surface from rainfall impacts and runoff.
- (4) Erosion and sediment control measures shall be in place and functional before earth moving operations begin. These measures shall be properly constructed and maintained throughout the construction period.
- (5) All control measures shall be checked and repaired as necessary, for example, weekly in dry periods and within 24 hours after any rainfall of 0.5 inches or greater within a 24-hour period. During prolonged rainfall, daily checking is necessary. The permittee shall maintain records of checks and repairs.
- (6) The permittee shall maintain records of the duration and estimated volume of storm water discharge(s).
- (7) A specific individual shall be designated to be responsible for erosion and sediment controls on each project site.

b. Vegetation Controls

- (1) Pre-construction vegetative ground cover shall not be destroyed, removed, or disturbed more than twenty calendar days prior to land disturbance.
- (2) Temporary soil stabilization with appropriate vegetation shall be applied on areas that will remain unfinished for more than 30 calendar days.
- (3) Permanent soil stabilization with perennial vegetation or pavement shall be applied as soon as practical after final grading. Irrigation and maintenance of the perennial vegetation shall be provided for 30 calendar days or until the vegetation takes root, whichever is shorter.

c. Structural Controls

- (1) Storm water flowing toward the construction area shall be diverted by

using appropriate control measures, as practical.

- (2) Erosion control measures shall be designed according to the size of disturbed or drainage areas to detain runoff and trap sediment.
- (3) Water must be discharged in a manner that the discharge shall not cause or contribute to a violation of the basic water quality criteria as specified in HAR, Chapter 11-54, Section 11-54-04.

B. Reporting Requirements

The Permittee shall:

1. Complete and submit the enclosed Solid Waste Disclosure Form for Construction Sites to the Office of Solid Waste Management as specified on the form.
2. Submit any changes to information on file with the CWB as soon as changes arise. The Permittee shall properly address all related concerns and/or comments to the DOH's satisfaction.
3. Notify the CWB upon termination of the discharge activities.
4. Immediately notify the director of the incident and identify the pollutant(s) source(s) and the proposed and implemented control or mitigative measures as required in Section 16 of DOH "Standard NPDES Permit Conditions," dated December 31, 2002